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Letter dated 30 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to convey to you a message regarding the destruction of landmines by the Zimbabwe Defence Forces (see annex).

I request that the message be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 73 (f).

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Annex to the letter dated 30 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Destruction of 4,092 landmines by Zimbabwe Defence Forces on 15 November 2000

The Zimbabwe Defence Forces (ZDF) destroyed 4,092 anti-personnel landmines on 15 November 2000. The destruction was witnessed by ambassadors, high commissioners and representatives of international organizations and various non-governmental organizations.

ZDF destroyed 3,846 PLMD6 and 246 R2M2 anti-personnel mines. Only 500 PLMD6 and 200 R2M2 anti-personnel mines were retained for training purposes.

The Parliament of Zimbabwe approved the Anti-Personnel Mines (Prohibition) Bill 2000 on Thursday, 2 November 2000. The bill now awaits endorsement by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.